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Subject: Great Blue Heron Herald- 2.17

Hello Heron Families!

What a beautiful week of weather we have had! Today was very special as the students were able to go to Bayview Park with the Early Secondary Students to play one last game of kickball with Mr. Nick as their PE teacher. We sent him off with a happy and heartfelt goodbye as he turns north to return to the wintry state of Michigan. Unfortunately, due to housing limitations here in the Keys, he had to go back to his hometown, but he will always be with us in spirit! We will miss you Mr. Nick!

Classroom Happenings

This week in math:

The 4th years have been working with GCF and LCM for a few weeks, and now they get to put that knowledge to work as we explore the foundations of common denominators in fraction addition.

The 5th years have just finished a large unit on decimal arithmetic and now have turned back to work with the pegboard and finding square roots! This is a really long and focused work, so if this is the only thing you see on your child's work plan at the end of the week, that's okay, it takes a long time! Congratulate them on their hard work!

Our oldest friends, the 6th years have been working with proportions and ratios for some time. Now we are moving into probability and how that relates to ratios.

Your student brought home their Math Quiz from last Friday yesterday afternoon. Make sure to take a look at it and review it with them.

In language we are still focusing on writing. All of the students are working on a composition in essay style. The 4th years are exploring how to write body paragraphs along with pulling evidence from the text to support their main points. We will workshop their first body paragraph next week and they will work on the next 2 paragraphs on their own.. The 5th and 6th year students are nearing the end of their essays as we reviewed the importance of a conclusion paragraph and what elements should be contained within it. They are all working on finishing up their essays that will be submitted next week in full for review and assessment.

In our cultural studies of Florida History the students have been broken up into groups where they will be researching different cities of Florida in the time period of the mid to late 1800's. They will be working together to compile their research and showcase their chosen city as "The Best Place to Live" in Florida during that time period.

In science we are all conducting mini experiments to continue our studies in the areas of the Earth's atmosphere (4th), the water cycle (5th), and kinetic and potential energy (6th). Ask your child about their experiments!

Important Dates

February 11-18th- Parent-Teacher Conferences

- If you have not signed up yet, please do so ASAP. I will be sending out individual emails this afternoon for families who have not already done so.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054CA9AC2AA2F58-2122>

- These will take place on our half-day Fridays and a few days are scheduled after regular school hours during the week. These conferences will be in person OR virtual.

February 21- No School, Presidents Day

February 22- A Land Promised: Student showcase of African Cultural Arts

- 1:00-2:55- Please come out to support the students as they showcase singing, drumming, artwork, and more!

Rabbit Care!!!

Bili the Bunny would LOVE to have a family take him home for the weekend. It has been a while since someone has taken him home, he gets very lonely!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ca9ac2aa2f58-rabbit1>

We would also like to request that we have donations made for his care. The supplies needed for him can get expensive so any little bit of monetary donations or just buying what is needed would be a great help! Thank you all in advance.

Classroom Wish List

If you feel like you can contribute to our classroom with donations, please feel free to look through our wish list.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PVEY5X1S3WMC?ref=wl_share

Volunteer/Service hour Opportunities

- Pet care over the weekends
- Carpet cleaning (we have the supplies)
- Rug washing
- Upholstery cleaning- classroom couch
- Rip out old carpet tiles and replace them with laminate tiles in our new kitchen area!
- General campus up-keep

Thank you for taking the time to stay caught up! It takes a village!!!!

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